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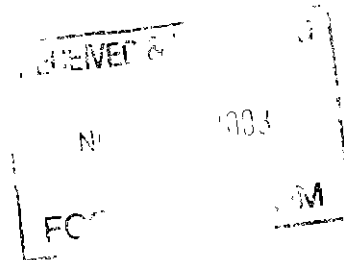
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Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Madame Secretary,

I would like to bring to your attention an important issue that profoundly impacts our country. The issue is public safety radio interference – a problem in desperate need of a solution. Public safety communications systems and commercial wireless operations are located on adjacent and intermingled channels in the 800 MHz spectrum band. The problem: the technologies used by public safety and commercial wireless are incompatible with one another as neighbors. The result: dangerous interference, which causes garbled communications and prevents public safety officials from doing their jobs.

There is a plan currently under consideration at the Federal Communications Commission that realigns the current jumbled licensing of 800 MHz systems into separate blocks of spectrum for public safety and cellular wireless carriers. This plan will virtually eliminate public safety interference, provide additional spectrum to public safety and offer a future platform for communications networks that are needed to protect our communities all at no cost to the American taxpayer.

The plan is known as the Consensus Plan and is the only proactive and comprehensive solution to this dangerous problem. Implementing the Consensus Plan would not cost taxpayers a single dollar. As a fire chief, I urge you to join me and many of my colleagues in supporting this solution.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Best regards,


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